

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. Chair, Dr. Nancy Friedman opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Chair  
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D.  
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D.

**Absent:**

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary

**Also Attending:**

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

**III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

*No minutes to review.*

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Walker informed the Board members that they are required to complete the Division of Consumer Affairs' online ethics course.

#### **V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS**

*Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.*

##### **LICENSED BY EXAMINATION**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Peckman and seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

##### ***Jurisprudence Examinations***

##### **December 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

<i>Mirella Auchus, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Debra Davis, Ph.D.</i>
<i>Daniel A. Noll, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Marc Gramatges, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Rachel M. Regifo, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Maliha Sheikh, Psy.D.</i>

##### ***December 15, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.***

<i>Lisa Kestler, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Lindsay Solotruk, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Dena Dunn, Psy.D.</i>	<i>Daniel Ching, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Sandra Abitol, Psy.D.</i>	<i>Cristina Shaheen, Psy.D.</i>
<i>Dena Dunn, Psy.D.</i>	

*Jacqueline Wyka Mahajan, Psy.D.*

## **VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Van Nest and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a three year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

*Carl Carman, Psy.D.*

*Maya Bruhns, Psy.D.*

*Amy Nadel, Ph.D.*

*April Kabay, Psy.D.*

*Erica Downs-Karai, Psy.D.*

*Alexandra Wiltshire, Psy.D.*

*Sarah DeMarco, Psy.D.*

*Sauh Kim, Ph.D.*

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Discussion of N.J.P.A Jurisprudence Webinar**

The Board reviewed the jurisprudence webinar as presented by N.J.P.A. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to table this matter until its February 2, 2015 meeting. Voting in favor: all.*

### **B. Brian L. Drozd, Ph.D., TP #103-102**

The Board reviewed Dr. Drozd's letter requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the January 4, 2015 expiration date in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Drozd's permit for one (1) year contingent upon him taking the E.P.P.P. by February 28, 2015. Dr. Drozd will be informed that his permit will expire on May 25, 2015. Voting in favor all.*

### **C. Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D. #3227**

The Board reviewed Dr. Wolf-Mehlman's letter inquiring if a psychologist acted as a mediator in the past, could that psychologist act as the therapist. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, that she may act as the therapist so long as she does not return to the role of mediator. Voting in*

*favor: all.*

**D. Victoria Heller Johnson, Esq.**

The Board reviewed Ms. Heller Johnson's letter requesting clarification of N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.5. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to inform Ms. Heller Johnson that based on the information she provided, this would be permissible. Voting in favor all.*

**VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES**

**A. Susan Blackwell-Nehling, Psy.D., TP#123-023/Edward Dougherty, Ed.D., supervisor**

Dr. Blackwell-Nehling did not attend her scheduled permit conference.

**B. Darren Caffery, Ph.D., TP #083-868/Theodore Batlas, Psy.D., supervisor**

Dr. Caffrey was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss his plan for taking the E.P.P.P. examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board voted to recommend that Dr. Caffrey obtain the feedback by role and recertify him to take the examination. The Board did not recommend any changes to Dr. Caffrey's case load. The Board voted to extend Dr. Caffrey's permit for six (6) months contingent upon him re-taking the E.P.P.P by April 30, 2015. Dr. Caffrey will be informed that his permit expires on June 30, 2015. Voting in favor: all.*

**IX. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**A. I/M/O Robyn Koslowitz, Ph.D.**

Dr. Koslowitz appeared before the Board with her proposed supervisor Howard D. Horwitz, Ph.D. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to issue Dr. Koslowitz a temporary permit pending receipt of the requested supervision forms. The Board also voted to inform Dr. Koslowitz that she may not have an outside supervisor for testing purposes. The Board also voted to inform Dr. Koslowitz that payment by clients must be either delivered in-person or by mail to Dr. Horwitz' office. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. I/M/O Andrew Cangelosi, Ph.D., #3118**

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Cangelosi's supervisor, Joseph Ganz, Ph.D. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to review Dr. Cangelosi's Consent Order regarding if he is required to appear before the Board and if so schedule him for an appearance before the Board. If the Consent Order does not require Dr. Cangelosi to appear before the Board, the Board voted to inform him that he has met all the requirements of his Consent Order. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. REVIEW OF LEGISLATION**

**A. Assembly, No. 4011** – Authorizes recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by a public body at a public meeting; permits discretionary court award of certain fees and costs to the public body. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to take a neutral position on this bill. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Assembly, No. 2934** - An Act permitting the incorporation of psychologists.

*Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Assembly, No. 4026** - Establishes the New Jersey Care giver Task Force to evaluate and provide recommendations on care giver support services. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to take a neutral position on this bill. Voting in favor: all.*

**XI. REVIEW OF EXEMPT NOTICE FORMS (RENEWAL)**

**A. Family & Children's Services/Maureen O'Leary**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Maureen O'Leary. After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and *upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Family & Children's Services** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. O'Leary will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**B. The Cooper Health System/Sharon Dostman**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Ms. Sharon Dostman.

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **The Cooper Health System** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Dostman will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**C. Center for Family Services/Sue Bergmann, LCSW**

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status form from Sue Bergmann, LCSW

*After review of the information provided in the continuation request, and upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board determined that **Center for Family Services** continues to qualify as an exempt facility pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3. Ms. Bergmann will be reminded that, in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to meet the qualifications for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Dennis Finger, Ed.D., New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)**

*Dr. Finger was present, but did not comment.*

**XIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2015**

February 2, 2015  
March 2, 2015  
April 6, 2015  
May 4, 2015  
June 8, 2015  
July 6, 2015  
August 10, 2015  
September 14, 2015  
October 5, 2015  
November 2, 2015

December 7, 2015

**XIV. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 10:13 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.  
**Secretary**

APPROVED BY:

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Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.  
**Chair**